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VERIFICATION OF WARHEAD REDUCTIONS

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1. IN EVENT RESPONSE PREPARED FOR SIMILAR QUESTION
(QUESTION NINE REF B) IS INSUFFICIENT TO SATISFY ALLIES ON
VERIFICATION OF US WARHEAD REDUCTIONS, YOU MAY DRAW ON
FOLLOWING.

2. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD CHALLENGE VERIFIABILITY OF US WARHEAD REDUCTIONS. IF THEY DID, WE WOULD NOT DISPUTE ANY ALLEGATION THAT US WARHEAD REDUCTIONS ARE UNVERIFIABLE. WE WOULD MAKE THE POINT INSTEAD THAT WE ASSUME SOVIETS HAVE AN ADEQUATE BASIS FOR BEING SATISFIED THAT THE US WILL IN FACT HAVE MADE THE AGREED REDUCTIONS AND ADHERE TO ANY CONSTRAINTS ON WARHEAD LEVELS THAT RESULT. SOVIETS WOULD THEN HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO DROP MATTER OR TO SAY THEY LACK ADEQUATE MEANS OF VERIFICATION AND TO TELL US WHAT THEY REQUIRE. WE THINK FORMER COURSE IS MORE LIKELY. TO PURSUE LATTER COURSE WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH LINE SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN ON VERIFICATION IN MBFR AS WELL AS IN OTHER ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS AND COULD SET PRECEDENT

WHICH COULD BE USED AGAINST SOVIETS. INGERSOLL

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